

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Nylund.

At the same time claims 10-13 and 16 were indicated as allowable.

The drawings and the claims were objected to.

Also, the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In connection with the Examiner's formal objections, applicants submitted Figures 1 and 2 with the proposed corrections, and made other changes to eliminate the Examiner's grounds for the formal objections.

In connection with the Examiner's rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, claim 13 has been amended correspondingly.

After carefully considering the Examiner's grounds for the rejection of the claims over the art, applicant retained in the present application only claims 10-13 and 16 which were indicated as allowable by the Examiner.

Claim 10 and 16 have been amended by incorporating into them the features of the original claim 1. The thusly amended claim 13 and 16 are now in allowable condition.

Claims 11-13 depend on claim 10, they share its allowable features, and therefore it should be considered as being in allowable condition as well.

All other rejected claims in the present application have been cancelled without prejudice.

It is therefore believed that the present application now contains only the allowable claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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